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--19. A method of bone repair comprising the step of applying a composition comprising a porous, biodegradable, three-dimensionally stable matrix having shape retention comprising a bound network of water-insoluble mineralized biopolymer and a water-insoluble binder, effective to promote bone growth at said site.

20. A method according to claim 19 wherein the shape retention of said matrix is maintainable without fragmentation upon implantation.

21. A method of making a porous, biodegradable three-dimensionally stable matrix having shape retention comprising the steps of:

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